

Table 17. Deaths and death rates for the 10 leading causes of death in specified age groups: United States, preliminary 1997

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Rank ¹	Cause of death and age (Based on the Ninth Revision, International Classification of Diseases, 1975)	Number	Rate
All ages ²			
...	All causes	2,314,729	864.9
1	Diseases of heart (390-398, 402, 404-429)	725,790	271.2
2	Malignant neoplasms, including neoplasms of lymphatic and hematopoietic tissues (140-208)	537,390	200.8
3	Cerebrovascular diseases (430-438)	159,877	59.7
4	Chronic obstructive pulmonary diseases and allied conditions (490-496)	110,637	41.3
5	Accidents and adverse effects (E800-E949)	92,191	34.4
...	Motor vehicle accidents (E810-E825)	42,420	15.8
...	All other accidents and adverse effects (E800-E807, E826-E949)	49,772	18.6
6	Pneumonia and influenza (480-487)	88,383	33.0
7	Diabetes mellitus (250)	62,332	23.3
8	Suicide (E950-E959)	29,725	11.1
9	Nephritis, nephrotic syndrome, and nephrosis (580-589)	25,570	9.6
10	Chronic liver disease and cirrhosis (571)	24,765	9.3
...	All other causes (Residual)	458,069	171.2
1-4 years			
...	All causes	5,471	35.6
1	Accidents and adverse effects (E800-E949)	1,958	12.8
...	Motor vehicle accidents (E810-E825)	756	4.9
...	All other accidents and adverse effects (E800-E807, E826-E949)	1,202	7.8
2	Congenital anomalies (740-759)	596	3.9
3	Malignant neoplasms, including neoplasms of lymphatic and hematopoietic tissues (140-208)	458	3.0
4	Homicide and legal intervention (E960-E978)	345	2.2
5	Diseases of heart (390-398, 402, 404-429)	195	1.3
6	Pneumonia and influenza (480-487)	168	1.1
7	Certain conditions originating in the perinatal period (760-779)	90	0.6
8	Septicemia (038)	66	0.4
9	Benign neoplasms, carcinoma in situ, and neoplasms of uncertain behavior and of unspecified nature (210-239)	60	0.4
10	Cerebrovascular diseases (430-438)	50	0.3
...	All other causes (Residual)	1,485	9.7
5-14 years			
...	All causes	8,044	20.7
1	Accidents and adverse effects (E800-E949)	3,330	8.6
...	Motor vehicle accidents (E810-E825)	1,934	5.0
...	All other accidents and adverse effects (E800-E807, E826-E949)	1,396	3.6
2	Malignant neoplasms, including neoplasms of lymphatic and hematopoietic tissues (140-208)	996	2.6
3	Homicide and legal intervention (E960-E978)	437	1.1
4	Congenital anomalies (740-759)	424	1.1
5	Diseases of heart (390-398, 402, 404-429)	313	0.8
5	Suicide (E950-E959)	313	0.8
7	Pneumonia and influenza (480-487)	139	0.4
8	Chronic obstructive pulmonary diseases and allied conditions (490-496)	127	0.3
9	Human immunodeficiency virus infection (*042-*044)	102	0.3
10	Benign neoplasms, carcinoma in situ, and neoplasms of uncertain behavior and of unspecified nature (210-239)	76	0.2
...	All other causes (Residual)	1,787	4.6
15-24 years			
...	All causes	30,945	84.6
1	Accidents and adverse effects (E800-E949)	12,958	35.4
...	Motor vehicle accidents (E810-E825)	9,929	27.1
...	All other accidents and adverse effects (E800-E807, E826-E949)	3,029	8.3
2	Homicide and legal intervention (E960-E978)	5,793	15.8
3	Suicide (E950-E959)	4,146	11.3
4	Malignant neoplasms, including neoplasms of lymphatic and hematopoietic tissues (140-208)	1,583	4.3
5	Diseases of heart (390-398, 402, 404-429)	1,013	2.8
6	Congenital anomalies (740-759)	383	1.0
7	Human immunodeficiency virus infection (*042-*044)	276	0.8
8	Pneumonia and influenza (480-487)	223	0.6
9	Chronic obstructive pulmonary diseases and allied conditions (490-496)	190	0.5
10	Cerebrovascular diseases (430-438)	167	0.5
...	All other causes (Residual)	4,213	11.5

See footnotes at end of table.

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Rank ¹	Cause of death and age (Based on the Ninth Revision, International Classification of Diseases, 1975)	Number	Rate
25-44 years			
...	All causes	133,612	159.8
1	Accidents and adverse effects (E800-E949)	25,477	30.5
...	Motor vehicle accidents (E810-E825)	13,837	16.5
...	All other accidents and adverse effects (E800-E807, E826-E949)	11,640	13.9
2	Malignant neoplasms, including neoplasms of lymphatic and hematopoietic tissues (140-208)	21,555	25.8
3	Diseases of heart (390-398, 402, 404-429)	15,800	18.9
4	Suicide (E950-E959)	12,008	14.4
5	Human immunodeficiency virus infection (*042-*044)	11,166	13.4
6	Homicide and legal intervention (E960-E978)	8,287	9.9
7	Chronic liver disease and cirrhosis (571)	3,890	4.7
8	Cerebrovascular diseases (430-438)	3,358	4.0
9	Diabetes mellitus (250)	2,405	2.9
10	Pneumonia and influenza (480-487)	1,933	2.3
...	All other causes (Residual)	27,733	33.2
45-64 years			
...	All causes	375,454	677.2
1	Malignant neoplasms, including neoplasms of lymphatic and hematopoietic tissues (140-208)	130,894	236.1
2	Diseases of heart (390-398, 402, 404-429)	100,051	180.4
3	Accidents and adverse effects (E800-E949)	16,689	30.1
...	Motor vehicle accidents (E810-E825)	7,985	14.4
...	All other accidents and adverse effects (E800-E807, E826-E949)	8,704	15.7
4	Cerebrovascular diseases (430-438)	15,267	27.5
5	Chronic obstructive pulmonary diseases and allied conditions (490-496)	13,057	23.5
6	Diabetes mellitus (250)	12,652	22.8
7	Chronic liver disease and cirrhosis (571)	10,653	19.2
8	Suicide (E950-E959)	7,656	13.8
9	Pneumonia and influenza (480-487)	6,120	11.0
10	Human immunodeficiency virus infection (*042-*044)	4,632	8.4
...	All other causes (Residual)	57,783	104.2
65 years and over			
...	All causes	1,733,070	5,086.0
1	Diseases of heart (390-398, 402, 404-429)	607,703	1,783.4
2	Malignant neoplasms, including neoplasms of lymphatic and hematopoietic tissues (140-208)	381,810	1,120.5
3	Cerebrovascular diseases (430-438)	140,693	412.9
4	Chronic obstructive pulmonary diseases and allied conditions (490-496)	95,997	281.7
5	Pneumonia and influenza (480-487)	79,395	233.0
6	Diabetes mellitus (250)	47,109	138.2
7	Accidents and adverse effects (E800-E949)	30,933	90.8
...	Motor vehicle accidents (E810-E825)	7,786	22.8
...	All other accidents and adverse effects (E800-E807, E826-E949)	23,148	67.9
8	Alzheimer's disease (331.0)	22,209	65.2
9	Nephritis, nephrotic syndrome, and nephrosis (580-589)	21,962	64.5
10	Septicemia (038)	18,263	53.6
...	All other causes (Residual)	286,996	842.2

... Category not applicable.

¹ Rank based on number of deaths; see Technical notes.

² Includes deaths under 1 year of age.

NOTE: Data are subject to sampling and/or random variation. For information on the relative standard errors of the data and further discussion, see Technical notes.